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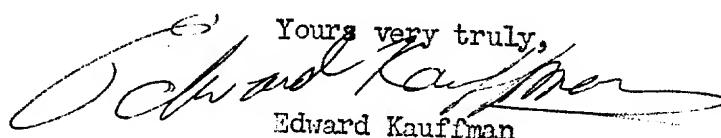
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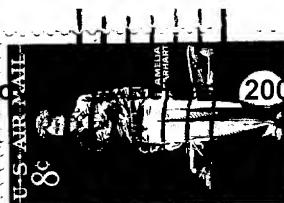
My dear Mr. President:

Please reconsider the sending of any further aid to the dictatorial and brutal regime of Diem in South Viet Nam, and especially withdraw CIA funds now being used by the secret police to terrorize and torture high school children, college students, Buddhists and anyone else brave enough to protest the iron regime which the United States continues so disgracefully to prop up.

Since we are supporting the country why are we so afraid to support the development of a democratic government? If we have no intention of so doing I believe we should cut our losses and pull out as Diem is never going to fight the Communists when it is so much safer to fight the local high schools.


Yours very truly,
Edward Kauffman

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